

**Application for Multi-Court Exemption from the
Judicial Conference's Electronic Public Access (EPA) Fees**

1.) I am requesting an exemption from fees for public access to electronic case records for the courts selected below:

Courts of Appeal

- All Courts of Appeal
- First Circuit
- Second Circuit
- Third Circuit
- Fourth Circuit
- Fifth Circuit
- Sixth Circuit
- Seventh Circuit
- Eighth Circuit
- Ninth Circuit
- Tenth Circuit
- Eleventh Circuit
- D.C. Circuit
- Federal Circuit

Bankruptcy Appellate Panels (BAP)

- First Circuit - BAP
- Sixth Circuit - BAP
- Eighth Circuit - BAP
- Ninth Circuit - BAP
- Tenth Circuit - BAP

District Courts

- All District Courts
- Alabama Middle
- Alabama Northern
- Alabama Southern
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas Eastern
- Arkansas Western
- California Central
- California Eastern
- California Northern
- California Southern
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida Middle
- Florida Northern
- Florida Southern
- Georgia Northern
- Georgia Middle
- Georgia Southern
- Guam
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois Northern
- Illinois Central
- Illinois Southern
- Indiana Northern
- Indiana Southern
- Iowa Northern
- Iowa Southern
- Kansas
- Kentucky Eastern
- Kentucky Western
- Louisiana Eastern
- Louisiana Middle
- Louisiana Western
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan Eastern
- Michigan Western
- Minnesota
- Mississippi Northern
- Mississippi Southern
- Missouri Eastern
- Missouri Western
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York Eastern
- New York Northern
- New York Southern
- New York Western
- North Carolina Eastern
- North Carolina Middle
- North Carolina Western
- North Dakota
- Northern Mariana Islands
- Ohio Northern
- Ohio Southern
- Oklahoma Eastern
- Oklahoma Northern
- Oklahoma Western
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania Eastern
- Pennsylvania Middle
- Pennsylvania Western
- Puerto Rico
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee Eastern
- Tennessee Middle
- Tennessee Western
- Texas Eastern
- Texas Northern
- Texas Southern
- Texas Western
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virgin Islands
- Virginia Eastern
- Virginia Western
- Washington Eastern
- Washington Western
- West Virginia Northern
- West Virginia Southern
- Wisconsin Eastern
- Wisconsin Western
- Wyoming

Bankruptcy Courts

- All Bankruptcy Courts
- Alabama Middle Illinois Northern Nebraska Rhode Island
- Alabama Northern Illinois Central Nevada South Carolina
- Alabama Southern Illinois Southern New Hampshire South Dakota
- Alaska Indiana Northern New Jersey Tennessee Eastern
- Arizona Indiana Southern New Mexico Tennessee Middle
- Arkansas Eastern Iowa Northern New York Eastern Tennessee Western
- Arkansas Western Iowa Southern New York Northern Texas Eastern
- California Central Kansas New York Southern Texas Northern
- California Eastern Kentucky Eastern New York Western Texas Southern
- California Northern Kentucky Western North Carolina Eastern Texas Western
- California Southern Louisiana Eastern North Carolina Middle Utah
- Colorado Louisiana Middle North Carolina Western Vermont
- Connecticut Louisiana Western North Dakota Virgin Islands
- Delaware Maine Northern Mariana Islands Virginia Eastern
- District of Columbia Maryland Ohio Northern Virginia Western
- Florida Middle Massachusetts Ohio Southern Washington Eastern
- Florida Northern Michigan Eastern Oklahoma Eastern Washington Western
- Florida Southern Michigan Western Oklahoma Northern West Virginia Northern
- Georgia Northern Minnesota Oklahoma Western West Virginia Southern
- Georgia Middle Mississippi Northern Oregon Wisconsin Eastern
- Georgia Southern Mississippi Southern Pennsylvania Eastern Wisconsin Western
- Guam Missouri Eastern Pennsylvania Middle Wyoming
- Hawaii Missouri Western Pennsylvania Western Puerto Rico
- Idaho Montana

National Courts

- Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. Court of International Trade

2.) I am an individual associated with Boston College

3.) Please summarize why the case information from the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) service is needed and how it will be used. Also, please explain why an exemption from the courts identified is necessary. If you need more space, please provide in an attachment.

I am an Accounting Ph.D. candidate at Boston College interested in studying the effects of beneficial ownership in securities litigation cases filed in federal district courts. The PACER system is the central repository for the certificates required to be filed within each district court that are required for my study. The documents are not accessible through other sources such as AuditAnalytics or the Standford Securities Class Action Clearinghouse and not reliably accessible through providers such as LexisNexis. The documents will be used to support empirical research that aims to be published in a top academic journal. The fees associated with searching for the specific documents for thousands of securities cases will provide an undue burden on research aimed to advance public awareness of contemporary issues facing the U.S. court system. Only the statistical analysis performed on the documents/cases will be published. Journal editors/reviewers may request to view (not disseminate) some documents.

4.) In support of this application, I affirm the following:

- a) An exemption from the Judicial Conference's EPA Fee is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.
- b) That the exemption will be for a definitive period of time: December 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021
- c) I understand that this fee exemption will apply only to me, will be valid only for the purposes stated above, and will apply only to the electronic case files of the court(s) indicated above that are available through the PACER service.
- d) I agree that any data received through this exemption will not be sold for profit, will not be transferred, will not be used for commercial purposes, and will not be redistributed via the Internet.

Declaration: I declare that all the above information is true and understand that a false statement

- may result in termination of my exempt access and an assessment of Electronic Public Access usage fees. (The box must be marked or your request will not be considered)

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Please submit your completed, signed request via email to Multi-CourtExemptions@ao.uscourts.gov or by mail to:

Attention: Multi-Court Exemptions
 Court Programs Division
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 One Columbus Circle, N.E.
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